

Minutes of Land Use, Parks and Environment Committee
Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Chair Fritz Ruf the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Present: Supervisors Fritz Ruf (Chair) James Jeskewitz, Walter Kolb, Robert Hutton (arrived at 8:40 a.m.), Janel Brandtjen, Gilbert Yerke and Ted Rolfs (arrived at 8:44 a.m.)

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Parks and Land Use Director Dale Shaver, Financial Analyst Bill Duckwitz, Landscape Architect Ken Keeley, Building Operations Manager Mark Keckeisen, Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans, Hazardous Materials Coordinator Leslie Williams and Greener Oconomowoc Representatives Donna Lillethun & Wendy Wilson-Uhl.

Approve Minutes of October 21, 2008

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Kolb, to approve the minutes of October 21, 2008.
Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Minutes of November 4, 2008

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Kolb, to approve the minutes of November 4, 2008.
Motion carried 5-0.

Hutton arrived at 8:40 a.m.

Executive Committee Report

Ruf reported on the items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on December 8, 2008:

- Appointments
- Legislative Priorities for the 2009 Legislative Session
- Update on Wisconsin Way Initiative
- Update on Local Government Institute
- Discussion of Appointment Process to Select Replacement for District 13

Rolfs arrived at 8:44 a.m.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Rolfs, to approve attendance at the Public Hearing for the Waukesha County Comprehensive Development Plan on December 11, 2008.
Motion carried: 7-0.

Future Meeting Dates

- January 6, 2009
- January 20, 2009

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 163-O-066: Approve Orchard Ridge Recycling And Disposal Facility Expansion Agreement Amendment

Shaver explained this ordinance to amend the landfill agreement between Waukesha County, Waste Management of Wisconsin, Inc. and the Village of Menomonee Falls. The amendment would require Waste Management to construct and pay for public water and sewer for the residents on Bonnie Lane in Menomonee Falls, and the private lateral connections to the water and sewer system and the abandonment

of the private wells. The sewer and water connections and capping of the wells would be done at no cost to the residents. This would also discontinue the obligation of Waste Management to conduct the monitoring of the private wells. Shaver stated that there are 12 residential homes on Bonnie Lane, and the residents are supportive of the proposal. If approved, the installation of the sewer and water laterals would begin in the Spring of 2009.

MOTION: Rolf moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve Ordinance 163-O-066. Motion carried: 7-0.

Public Comment

Lillethun and Wilson-Uhl, as representatives of the Greener Oconomowoc Group, spoke in support of the Sustainability Plan for Waukesha County. They explained that Greener Oconomowoc is a citizen's organization composed of Oconomowoc, Town of Summit, and Village of Lac La Belle residents and business owners who are working together to create an environment that meets the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations. Their efforts include holding study circles to educate citizens of Oconomowoc and surrounding communities within the County. They discussed the benchmarks set and some goals and plans for the future. Lillethun read a letter from Lisa Geason-Bauer on behalf of Oconomowoc Utilities, supporting a Sustainability Plan for Waukesha County.

Fritz thanked Lillethun and Wilson-Uhl for presenting their information to the LUPE Committee. He stated it was premature to add anything to the ordinance at this point; however, they could work with Shaver on their concerns.

Discuss and Consider Resolution 163-R-006: Support For Adoption Of Waukesha County Sustainability Policy

Shaver gave a summary of the background of the formation of the Waukesha County Sustainability Plan. He noted that the presentation today would be a brief overview; the full plan is available on the Waukesha County website.

Williams began the PowerPoint presentation entitled "Leading to Sustain" with an overview of the Sustainable Initiatives in the following areas:

- Building Design and Facility Management / Building Operations
- Grounds & Site Management
- Land Use & Environment
- Purchasing Decisions & Employees
- Transportation

Williams continued with the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification Overview, which is used as a guide in construction and remodeling projects of County facilities. Keeley reviewed a modified LEED checklist of requirements. He talked about the Ice Arenas and the concept of using geothermal heat exchange, citing a possible 40% utility cost reduction. Keeley also highlighted the efforts in grounds and site management practices, including alternative approaches to landscape maintenance, salt usage, moving and weed control. He talked about "Focus on Energy" site assessments, construction material reuse and recycling, and reduction of light pollution.

Kolb expressed concerns about reducing light pollution - dimming lights to a point of causing more opportunity for vandalism. Shaver assured Kolb that would not be the case. Keeley stated the light would be reduced only by the amount going beyond that area which is meant to be lit.

Evans highlighted the Transportation projects and mobility designs and practices, including roundabouts and traffic signal systems.

Keckeisen reviewed some of the facility and building operations that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, and reduce costs. He reviewed the sustainability practices implemented in completed projects, as well as plans for future projects.

Shaver reviewed the Land Use and Environment sections, including land use techniques in conservation and compact development design, greenway preservation along major rivers and storm water management. Shaver explained how return on investment (ROI) is considered in implementing projects and the importance of setting benchmarks.

Williams reviewed the Purchasing and Employee efforts, including using environmentally preferable products (EPPs) and the paper reduction effort. She concluded with a demonstration of how to navigate to the Sustainability Plan on the Waukesha County website.

MOTION: Rolfs moved, second by Brandtjen, to approve Resolution 163-R-006. Motion carried: 7-0.

In the absence of objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Jeskewitz
Secretary